

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: September 8, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Barbara Boswell, Finance Director

Subject: **Monthly Report of Investments – July 2015**

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**Recommendation:**

Accept and approve the July 2015, Monthly Report of Investments as submitted.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Background:**

Each month, the Finance Department prepares a report listing the investments for all separate entities under the jurisdiction of the City as identified in the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster Housing Authority.

Portfolio Recap

July portfolio transactions:

Purchased

<u>Description</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FHLB	05/30/2018	1.110%	\$1,000,000

Sold

<u>Description</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
T-Note	07/31/2015	0.580%	\$1,000,000

Yields:

	<u>July 2015</u>	<u>June 2015</u>
Total Portfolio	0.538%	0.462%
Local Agency Investment Fund	0.320%	0.299%
 Total Portfolio Balance:	 \$83,243,560	 \$97,561,965

The portfolio balance is lower this month largely due to a number of significant expenditures. The city paid Vinsa Insurance \$1,952,706 (annual insurance premiums) and a total of \$7,817,972 in debt service payments. Large expenditures in July also include \$390,428 to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (1<sup>st</sup> quarter operating contribution) and \$754,835 to Hardy & Harper (2015 Pavement Management Program). Significant revenues received in July include \$977,000 (sales and use tax), \$686,213 (miscellaneous grants), \$409,735 (Highway Users Tax), and \$416,360 (franchise fees).

The City's temporary idle cash, those funds that are not immediately needed to pay current bills and not governed by bond indentures or bond resolutions, is invested in accordance with the City's adopted Investment Policy. This policy is reviewed annually by the City Council, with the latest policy adopted January 13, 2015, by Resolution No. 15-02.

The City's cash management system is designed to accurately monitor and forecast expenditures and revenues, thus enabling the City to invest funds to the fullest extent possible within the guidelines of this Investment Policy. The City attempts to achieve the highest yield obtainable through a diversified portfolio only after meeting the criteria established for safety and liquidity in that order. The principal investment objectives of the City are:

1. Preservation of capital and protection of investment principal.
2. Maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet anticipated cash flows.
3. Attainment of a market rate of return.
4. Diversification to avoid incurring unreasonable market risks.
5. Compliance with the City's Municipal Code and with all applicable City resolutions, California statutes and Federal regulations.

The City's portfolio is a short-term and intermediate-term fixed income portfolio. The maximum maturity of any investment is 5 years, with consideration of anticipated cash flow requirements and known future liabilities. The City contracts with an investment advisory service (Cutwater Asset Management) to assist in the effort to maximize the return on the City portfolio. The City's investments include publicly traded Treasury notes, Treasury Bills, Federal Agency Investments, Time Deposits, and Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) under the auspices of the State Treasurer for investment. Funds invested in the LAIF are available within 24 hours, and other investments are available upon maturity at full face value. These investments enable the City and Agency to meet its expenditure requirements for the next six months, as required by state law.

The City's investments are governed by Sections 53600 et. seq. of the California Government Code. Additional requirements have been placed on the City's authorized investments by the Investment Policy (a copy is available in the Finance Department or from the City Clerk), and all investments listed on the attached report adhere to these requirements.

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**Attachment:**

Monthly Report of Investments